

Mark Crispin Miller, Book Discussion on 'Fooled Again'

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November 27, 2005 | Mr. Crispin-Miller discussed his book Fooled Again: How the Right Stole the 2004 Election and Why They'll Steal the Next One Too (Unless We Stop Them), published by Basic Books. He discussed presidential politics, voter suppression, and problems with voting machines. Mr. Crispin-Miller responded to questions and comments from viewers.

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mark Crispin Miller is the author of fooled again how the right stole the 2004 election and why this they'll steal the next 12 in parentheses unless we stop them first off how was the election stolen well it was stolen through a very broad range of tactics and devices there were countless frauds at the state level at the county level as well as larger frauds such as for example a clearly systematic interference with the votes of Americans abroad last chapter of fooled again deals with that it was there is no one smoking gun there was no single method although the electronic touchscreen voting machines were variously used throughout the nation to cut the Kerry vote and pad the bush vote but what's one of the most striking things about what happened last year is the sheer variety the menu of tricks many of them taking us back to the good old days of Mayor Daley in Chicago where I come from Democrats and Republicans have been stealing elections for years but this theft last year I argue was was different in scale and technological sophistication and in the profoundly anti-democratic sentiment behind it some of the things that you write about include voter suppression and Election Day irregularities explain what you mean by those terms well voter suppression refers to a whole range of things but it would include systematic efforts to make voter registration difficult or impossible this happened not only in Ohio as we all know the stuff went on in Ohio but it happened in Florida it happened in Pennsylvania really happened nationwide and it's it's not as a sort of dramatic a method is putting on white hoods and going out and frightening people into staying home on Election Day but it's actually more effective for

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but it's actually more effective for that very reason it leaves no traces but it does disproportionately affect people only on one side of the political divide then you asked about the other thing Election Day irregularity irregularities were staggering in their diversity for example throughout the nation there was a sort of systematic undersupply of voting machines to democratic regions not just in Ohio again but all over the place even when they expected a very high turnout they would be woefully under supplied with machines of the machines they did get many of them would break down this didn't happen in Republican districts so that in the most crowded places where they were the most new voters often you would have very very long lines people having to wait for hours and then predictably enough people having to leave without voting because they had to work to do or kids to take care of so that's just one example the book attempts to give a real overview of all the stuff that went down last year most of it reported by local media and tuned out of shrugged off by national media and even at this point also by the Democrats I want to make clear to your viewers that I'm not a Democrat I'm a proud independent my politics go back to Tom Paine and Thomas Jefferson and

frankly considering how the Democratic Party has refused to deal with this crucial issue the integrity of our electoral system I'm I'm a more fervent non Democrat I want to see at least one of the parties show that they believe in the system that the framers designed for us and that's fundamentally dependent on the right to vote are there any lessons that have been learned either by the the media the Democrats or

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either by the the media the Democrats or the Republicans that will be carried forth into the two thousand six and two thousand eight so that on either side of the political fence there won't be the accusation that this election was stolen from us by the other side well that's an interesting question I think that the the right has learned how to keep doing more of what they've been doing there are efforts now underway a to get the Diebold electronic touch screen voting machines into so-called blue strongholds like california new york maryland and because the press and the Democrats refuse to talk about the really serious flaws in those machines a lot of people are not sufficiently aware of the problem to organize against the use of those machines so they're also of course as a campaign here in Washington to weaken the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which is up for renewal if that law should be weakened that will open the door to states like Georgia which now demand that all the voters purchase a state issued ID before they vote this amounts to a poll tax they're similar legislation is pending in Arizona in Indiana if the Voting Rights Act is repealed these states will be free to disenfranchise as many of their citizens as they want so I'm afraid the lessons that have been learned have been the wrong lessons we we see people the people who stand to lose the most shying away from the issue because they're afraid it sounds crazy we see the media basically ridiculing people who point out well documented anomalies well documented in proprieties that's not the way the system is supposed to work I think the right of the people to vote sacrosanct and I think that Democrats

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sacrosanct and I think that Democrats and Republicans of principal who believe in the system should really pay attention to what happened last year because if the scandal does not finally resonate we won't have the movement of media reverse re of election reform that we very very badly need we're talking about election politics particularly presidential election politics with author and professor mark Crispin Miller author of fooled again the numbers there on the screens if you want to get involved in the conversation 20 27 37 00 02 if you support the Democrats 37 37 00 01 if you support president bush 2026 280 205 if you're an independent like our author mr. Miller our first call comes from Omaha Nebraska on the Democrats line go ahead hello I'm a first-time caller i'd like to ask the guest and if he has if this is proven through his book and he's got the data why is there not more of an outcry from the democrats and from any civil organization i mean what how could this happen well that is an excellent question that's probably d question how could it happen the evidence is is abundant and it's precise and people don't have to rely on my book to see that something's very badly wrong the GAO Government Accountability Office which is a completely bipartisan completely respectable establishment Aryan research agency came out with a report about a month ago demonstrating quite clearly that the electronic touchscreen machines have serious flaws in them and they're not really safe to use in a democratic system that's the GAO has been abundant other evidence John Conyers report on what happened in Ohio which is available under the title what went wrong in Ohio as a paperback

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what went wrong in Ohio as a paperback there's all this evidence why isn't there more of an outcry about it well I discussed this with John Kerry three weeks ago and he told me that he believes the race was stolen but he deplore the fact that his fellow Democrats on the hill won't discuss it with him tried to talk to Christopher Dodd for example about the machines Dodd got annoyed he got impatient we looked into this there's nothing there we call this denial the story got out that I had had this conversation with him about a week later and he categorically denied ever having the exchange with me I've met with him to give him my book and to urge him to look into this issue well I promise you it's true we did have the conversation and Teresa Heinz Kerry has gone publicly has gone on record as saying she believes the race was stolen or at

least she suspects that it was this is the crucial question why are the Democrats afraid to talk about it Democrats other than John Conyers and a few brave souls and why is the media so quick to ridicule the very idea when you know stealing elections is in a sense an American pastime and we've seen that this administration will do just about anything it wants so I would urge all your viewers to you know however they get their information about this whether they read the GAO report or whether they read fooled again whatever they do they must pressure their elected representatives and the media in their area to look into this stop sweeping it under the rug it's too important to a lot of this thing to continue Houston Texas go ahead uh yeah let me first thank you for c-span it's a really great service you do I have to wonder what fantasy world your guest is living in if he has even read the American Center for voting rights legislative fund report of 2005 which reported that while Democrats

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2005 which reported that while Democrats routinely accused Republicans of voter intimidation and suppression that neither party had a clean record and the evidence shows that Democrats waged an aggressive suppression campaign against Republican voters in 2004 and some examples they give or paid Democrat operatives charged with slashing tires and 25 get out the vote bands in Milwaukee misleading telephone calls made by Democrat operatives operating and telephone voters in Ohio with wrong dates to the election intimidating and deceiving mailings and telephone calls paid for by the DNC threatening Republican volunteers in Florida with legal action Union coordinated intimidation violent campaign targeted at Republican campaign offices and volunteers resulting in a broken arm for a GOP volunteer in Florida it goes on and on documenting evidence of widespread Democrat fraud and it's just it's just ludicrous sir well I know that report very well the American Center for voting rights is a Republican front group that represents itself is bipartisan this is a very old trick if people want the details on the American Center for voting rights I posted a lot of information about it on my website mark Crispin Miller calm the fact is it's run by what we had party operatives party lawyers and they have a guy I think his name is Brian Lund who was ostensibly a Democrat but he's been a very pro-bush Democrat for a while almost all of the instances your caller mentioned in the report are actually far more typical of the Republicans they made robo calls throughout the nation giving people the wrong date for election day the Democrats would had nothing to gain from doing that the one instance he mentions at the tire slashing it was not paid operatives who slashed those tires in

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operatives who slashed those tires in Milwaukee it was actually the son of a democratic candidate deplorable you know anything like that I think is deplorable but the important point is this the republicans have to resort to this kind of propaganda in order to cloud the issue because while there were cases of individuals kind of might say a kind of retail level vote fraud people basically trying to make more money they'd be hired to register new democrats so they would make up names they register Mickey Mouse and Princess Grace of Monaco you know because they wanted the four bucks for that extra vote that's corruption that happens it's deplorable whenever the instances were discovered the people were fired it wasn't done by the party itself the wholesale kind of fraud the systemic fraud the fraud involving secretaries of state who also co-chair presidential campaigns in their state fiddling with the laws with the rules making the rules deliberately confusing the fact is that the Republican Party engaged in systemic collective acts of fraud compared to which the democratic fraud was insignificant to compare the two is like you know comparing a pickpocket ring to the Cosa Nostra our next call comes from Newtown Connecticut on our others line for Mark Crispin Miller good morning uh thank you for c-span and good morning mr. Miller and thank you for bringing up this important subject I was very interested to hear what you said about Senator Dodd since he is my senator and I was struck by seeing the subject this morning because in my own town all of the voting machines are being replaced this year under a very tight deadline our registrar of voters have had to go and choose an electronic voting machine I guess the the the the logic of this is dictated by the help America Vote Act which says that if there's any machine that can't be used by a handicapped person then all the

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by a handicapped person then all the machines have to be changed and I've just been watching this process unfold here in our own town with great concern because I think people have to keep in mind that with electronic voting for instance in in Florida and apparently in Ohio if if a vote gets stolen anywhere in this country enough to tip a race then it's it's your vote that's being stolen anywhere my vote I feel was stolen even though in our state I feel the election was run fairly in two thousand but now these electronic voting machines apparently will be the only thing available to us after so many years of using the previous system and I guess I just want to ask if you'd ever anything about the company that turns out we'll probably be using in this town which is danna hawk danaher that's da na h er perhaps some of these units are trustworthy but you know thank God we're not getting it at the Diebold unit arm is is there anything that that we can do to UM petition this this mass movement towards electronic voting machines because that seems to me the greatest threat and do you think the Danaher machine is subject to the same type of tampering I will take the answer offline thank you very much thank you for that call I'm not expert on Danaher but I can make a general statement on the the state of electronic voting machines in general there bug-ridden they're made by private vendors that will not reveal their programming codes therefore to allow any of these companies to count the vote assuring us we should trust them that they will definitely give us the correct numbers is exactly like allowing the management of the company to take the votes on election day into their homes pull the blinds lock the doors come out the next morning and say okay here's your results trust us it is exactly tantamount to a secret vote count now it is completely feasible to me that there could be a

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feasible to me that there could be a system design that's somehow tamper proof I strongly doubt it I think that any computer-based system is questionable the help America Vote Act does not directly mandate the use of touchscreen machines but as the caller correctly said it mandates the use of whatever meat machines will make it easiest for the disabled to vote and it provides money lots and lots of money to places that will buy such machinery the biggest players in this game diebold esns and Sequoia are all private vendors their management and and owners are all closely connected to the Republican Party if it were the case that they were all closely connected to the Democratic Party I would still be sitting here talking to you and complaining about it because that has no place in our system so the answer the answer to a specific question is go to voters unite org voters unite org has kind of daily listing of all articles and developments and groups and so on everything that pertains to election theft and see what's going on in Connecticut there have been local efforts in certain states to fight the use of these machines these efforts are sometimes successful so please do look into that and I wish you I wish you well is it possible that the Democrats have not thrown up any kind of hue and cry with regard to alleged irregularities in the 2004 election because they don't want to have to admit that the Republicans are better at dirty tricks than they are I never heard that explanation before that's I suppose that's possible but I think it's something it's something more irrational than that I think they're basically right on of seeming fringy of seeming to be way way out there and i also think frankly that there's an element of denial i think the implications of what

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denial i think the implications of what went down last year are extremely frightening I mean what this suggests to us is that we're not really living in a functioning democracy what it suggests was is we got one party basically in control of the government and it will play by its own rules and doesn't really regard itself as accountable to the electorate because it has a way to get around the electorate those are difficult things to take in especially for people inside the system here in Washington people like carrie like dodd who are materially and emotionally invested in the status quo they don't want to go where this will have to take them so i think it's it's very human that people have preferred to shrug it off but I think it's also irresponsible Onalaska Wisconsin go ahead hello I've been waiting a while in good morning until I hope you let me finish what I have to say well first of all your guests I don't know if he just really likes pie movies and James Bond those types of conspiracies are what's what is problem is but it seems to me that this talk about somehow another I'm black and let's talk about that we black people are are afraid and we can be easily intimidated we're not living in America 1930 we're not running around here intimidated by white people that's just a lie

and second of all it seems to me that if the Democrats win constantly then there is no fraud only if the Republicans win as if the only way that it can be fair as if the democrats are winning and so you know your whole argument is just this is pathetic you're pathetic it's just just pathetic situation you just need to get away from your conspiracy theory movies and try to you know look into reality a little more mr. Miller I looked into reality long and hard and I found abundant evidence of systematic efforts to intimidate

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of systematic efforts to intimidate black voters and Hispanic voters Native American voters all over the country the sources are there I've page upon page of footnotes I'm an extremely meticulous scholar and I think this was a valuable call because it demonstrates the kind of argument I tend to come up against this woman hasn't read the book this woman has some vague ideas about how swell everything is today what she should get out more frankly he should certainly read the book she can take it out of the library but what's most striking here is the kind of personal attack on me I'm pathetic or I may be pathetic okay but the fact is the book is solidly argued and well evidenced so the question I would have for her it's rhetorical is you know what why does this why does this so anger you why do you feel it necessary to insult me give me a specific example that you would find in the book that would support your point that blacks minority Latinos and other minorities were targeted to try and steer them away or to try and have their votes not counted in the Alaska well I mean all over the country in Pennsylvania Michigan and Wisconsin all throughout the south in black areas black cities for example there was a startling array of intimidation tactics used and disinformation deployed to keep people from getting to the polls on the right day in the right place people were systematically threatened with arrest if they showed up to vote with so much as an unpaid parking ticket or if they had a relative who was behind in child support payments this went on all over the place and if people want to go to the original source of much of the evidence they need only consult the election incident reporting system that's e IRS that's on line so if you want to know what happens say in New Orleans before on the election day you

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Orleans before on the election day you can go type in e IRS to a Google search on e IRS and New Orleans and you'll get a full catalogue of the calls that were made that day by people who had been personally prevented from voting personally intimidated personally misinformed this went on you know it on such a scale and in so many places that were primarily african-american Hispanic American a Native American also in student neighborhoods college towns you would really have to be more than naive to decide that it was accidental our next call comes from Washington DC go ahead good morning good morning what one things I like to actually agree with you as we being an african-american from New Orleans and having to have my driver's license test by a police officer before devoted that a lot of things did go along that was wrong when you were waiting in line sir before you ask your question when you were waiting in line did you notice whether or not the police officers were checking the driver's licenses of white voters no they weren't they had poll volunteers that were actually checking there's that were regular citizens that were there or elderly but when the black person will walk into the police person the police officer will come up and say can I figure ID okay go ahead with this went on with it black colleges in texas and alabama and south carolina it went on all over the place and it's it's simply a denial of reality to say otherwise this man's experience is typical baltimore maryland you're on the washington journal Wow more numb just to make a comment I think mr. Miller you're you're a fraud a phony and I don't mean to call you names but I just want to you know it's my opinion I'm from Baltimore years ago I was involved in politics I'm a registered Democrat been a Democrat all my life because you basically have no power in the Baltimore

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basically have no power in the Baltimore area unless you are a Democrat I'm from the Italian community ice to vote 1015 times as a Democrat so about voter fraud I'm in Chicago times in Baltimore times in all major cities where the Democrats win all the time talk about fraud I switch parties because of that now I come from

a family background where it was you know it talk about I just done to me I just can't get over how how twisted your thinking is and your book is I thought I read your book I wouldn't read your book but I'm telling you this fraud is in the Democratic Party and it's amazing how the Democrats accused Republicans of that which they do constant well how he believes what I say in reply sure there's been fraud for a long time in various Democratic cities I think I've said at the beginning of the show that there's been election fraud on both sides for a very long time he's right about Baltimore he's right about Chicago I'm from Chicago so I know this that's neither here nor there the fact that it does go on and has gone on certainly doesn't mean it only goes on only has gone on among the Democrats the fact that it has gone on among the Democrats doesn't mean that in the last election there was not systemic collective fraud committed by the Republicans as I said before some of Mayor Daley's tactics from Chicago that I recognized from when I was a teenager that were used in this last election often involving the sort of strategic use of certain party members to pose as members of the other party this is how Mayor Daley got around the rule that there had to be a bipartisan panel of election judges in every in every ward so they were all actually Democrats some of them call

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actually Democrats some of them call themselves Republicans I've received other calls like this gentleman's call similarly abusive and similarly claiming that I'm a Democrat and I saw this happen so much I had to change parties I mean I may be a fraud and a phony I would submit that this guy could be a fraud in the phony too just like the American Center for voting rights as a fraud we've got this item from Reuters which actually came out on Tuesday from Kansas City the US Justice Department has sued Missouri a swing state won easily by president George W. Bush for voting violations in the 2004 election including registering more people to vote in some counties than their entire vote aged population the complaint filed on Tuesday in the US District Court for the Western District of Missouri said 29 Missouri counties and election jurisdictions had more people registered to vote than there actually were people of voting age living in those areas if this works its way through the criminal justice system uh and I don't know if it would be something that would end up in the Supreme Court is it possible that they would have to do the election all over again or are we pretty much stuck with the not stuck but do we just live with the results the way they are and try and do things differently in 2008 well there's nothing in the Constitution that can guide us here this is virgin territory so I think we'd be pretty much on our own and trying to figure out what to do I tend not to think that the results of the 2004 election can be reversed because there's nothing in the Constitution to allow us to do that your idea of a vote of a new election is an intriguing one and I suppose if Bush's fortunes continued to decline some people may suggest that but I think it's unlikely I think that our focus should be on the future I think that we should be talking very seriously about a national movement of election reform which will concern

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of election reform which will concern the use of paper ballots I think we should return to paper ballots I think we should ban the participation of private vendors in our election system there is no reason for that it's something you shouldn't have in a democracy I think we should start to talk about a rational system for elections of federal system with a uniform standard from state to state county to county run by a completely non-partisan bureaucracy whose job is to make sure the elections take place fairly and that the count is conducted accurately if you put the election in the hands of a federal entity though don't you open yourself up to accusations that it's going to be run or influenced by the party in power either in the White House or in the Congress well one could run into those accusations I actually think the system we have now is run by the party in power you see there are agencies in the government that that are scrupulously nonpartisan it may seem unbelievable but most of the people watching this show but the Gal4 example is solidly bipartisan objective it does its job takes research projects and it carries them out NASA for example it's what's that got to do with party politics at its best the post office which is sometimes you know inefficient but I don't believe it's engaged a whole lot lately and distinctly partisan maneuvering so I think that if we want if we want to have elections that really work where people get to vote and the votes are counted and systems that are transparent so that finally neither party can say oh you cheated oh you cheated because it will people they'll

always accuse each other of having cheated that's a fact of life but we can have a system that is more accessible to the public one that's actually controlled by the people who can see what's going on you can see the count and everything you do that you know you're going to have as close to fair as you can get in addition to being an author Mark Crispin Miller is also a professor of Media Studies at New York University and a regular commentator on

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University and a regular commentator on air America appearing often on the morning's edition and the Al Franken show our next call comes from New Ulm Minnesota go ahead yes I don't want apologizing my voice you got a bad cold it's okay um just one comment that it wasn't going to make about the previous caller from Baltimore I was born and raised there I moved to Minnesota ten years ago and you know he may be right that that some some people in wards about ten times but it's absurd anybody that knows anything about urban politics Baltimore politics the Democrats routinely carry their in in inner-city areas and urban areas you know on the range of 70 30 an extra 10 volts an extra hunt you know extra ten thousand volts doesn't make makes no difference so the guys argument was kind of absurd but then my question is uh in two thousand in Florida I believe that the the thing that tipped that election happened way before election even went on and that was there was a computer program that the the state of Florida obtained to eliminate felons from voting and they were given a choice of you know how he'll exact they wanted to be you know the more exact they were as far as names and addresses the less people would be taking off the voting rolls you know the less exactly where the more people will be taking off and they course chose the the the less exact way and so there were many many people many more than than hanging chads or anything else that were just disqualified right off the bat with obviously not enough time on Election

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obviously not enough time on Election Day if you show up and they say hey you're a felon and you say hey I'm not you have no way to appeal that and get your vote back and I'm wondering your thumb if mr. Miller is aware of that program and if those kind of things were used in other states in 2004 great question it was over 90,000 people who were disenfranchised under that program and I think maybe 2,000 of them had been felons so it was it was clearly a disgrace and it was a big embarrassment for the bush regime in Florida I tell the whole story in and fooled again the fact is that the felon list for all of the controversy that it that it roused and all the promises to make sure it would never happen again basically it was used again in 2004 I tell the whole story in great detail fact the section on Florida in the book is the longest and most detailed of any because the stuff that happened in Florida was a carnival of disenfranchisement it was staggering but yeah the the felon list was one way to do it you know just strikes me sitting here the guy from Baltimore arguing that you know he voted 10 or 15 times and then this this man making the very reasonable point that that was unnecessary in in Baltimore because you know the population is democratic this is really what this is all about the Democrats didn't commit systemic fraud this last time not because they're morally superior beings but because they didn't need to and it primarily had to do not with the brilliance of Kerry's campaign because it was quite an inept Lee run campaign it had to do it with this nation's rejection of Bush Cheney's extremist agenda which you know you wouldn't know it from the media but which had turned off a considerable number of Republicans I have many pages in the book devoted to the strenuous Republican backlash against bush before Election Day a lot of moderate Republicans a lot of libertarian Republicans who were uneasy with the theocratic drift of Bush's wing

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with the theocratic drift of Bush's wing of the party voted either sat out the election or perhaps voted for Kerry it's important for us to bear this in mind so the point here is that when people argue so vehemently that the Democrats do it to what they're really saying is that in those places where there are mostly Democrats something has to be done to keep these people from voting what they're really objecting to is not that the Democrats committed fraud what they're really objecting to is the mere existence of large groups of people

on the other side it is a very very dangerous attitude and call it intolerant is an understatement but that's what we're dealing with here and that explains the demons with which the people who carried out this crusade did their work of obstructing voters misinforming voters bullying voters because it did happen all over the country you say it happened all over the country but a lot of attention was focused on Ohio and my question is was Ohio that much more of an election anomaly than any other parts of the country or did they feel like the the people who run the elections well we can't get caught doing this again in Florida so we've got to do it somewhere else is there another Florida or another Ohio on the horizon in 2008 well actually there were three states that were the focus or the object of a concerted attack on democratic propriety the three swing states were Florida Ohio and Pennsylvania and I have a lot of information on all three in in fooled again so it really wasn't the case the Ohio was the state where it happened what happened in Florida was equally as staggering but for demographic reasons for having to do with electoral votes and so on we paid particular attention to Ohio Ohio seems to have put Bush over the top so the horse race kind of ended up there but

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horse race kind of ended up there but that that's that forces us not to notice how it happened in places like Texas how it happened in places like Michigan and Wisconsin and so on it happened all over the place and we've got to stop thinking that there has to be a ground zero because it even happened in New York it even happened in New Jersey it happened in red states where you think Bush's victory would be sufficient but in North Carolina for example where Bush was supposed to win by around nine points in those places a largely democratic that used the touchscreen machines he had a 15-point lead see and Kerry's lead in Wisconsin was surprisingly small it was only twelve thousand votes it ought to have been much larger so we can't simply look in all the usual places we can't think in all the usual ways and above all we can't make the fatal mistake of thinking that it can't happen here the framers understood that it can happen here that's why they designed a system with checks and balances so if they understood it and we believe in their system we are obligated not to make that lazy mistake of thinking that not here this isn't Guatemala because it can happen anywhere power is that way and we are obliged in our civilian lives as in our military careers to defend American democracy in every way at hand nanuet New York go ahead good morning gentlemen good morning mr. Miller my question goes back to your statement about the voting machines and the lack of them and the lack of working machines in certain Democratic areas isn't who's got the responsibility to choose the type and choose the number if wouldn't that be the the the party that is in power in that particular district in that particular small area that would choose the type and their number of machines for their voting places well ultimately yes in

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voting places well ultimately yes in Ohio for example this is a state you know about which we have a lot of detailed information ultimately it was the Secretary of State who made the decision to hold back voting machines from those neighborhoods that really needed them and by and large it would be the secretaries of state who are responsible although in some states at the county level you had people making decisions that were not necessarily approved by the secretaries of state so I don't mean to paint the situation with a broad brush but whoever is in authority is in the best position to determine how machines are going to be allocated Yonkers New York go ahead yeah hi I actually I was my comment was um it's going to be sort of a long lines of that I agree with what you're saying and that the government of this country was based on a system of checks and balances and not being able to talk about something like problems with voting machines and who's going to control them or whether this corruption at some of them we should at least be able to discuss that in the country but I did have one quick question just about something you said you use the term bush regime and I was wondering why you why you said that yeah I used the word regime maybe it's too provocative but i don't really regard this administration as functioning within American political tradition i I don't really think that it's it's recognizably American I don't think its conservative it's not a Conservative administration it's not about limiting the power and size of federal government it's not about fiscal prudence it's not about refusing to meddle in the affairs of other countries I mean by any is a classical definition of conservatism any of the criteria of conservatism this administration is not

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conservatism this administration is not conservative so I say regime because I think that it isn't indeed a regime I believe it's here illegitimate Lee I believe there's far too little political opposition I think there's a climate of fear that prevents people from speaking out uncertain truths I think our rights are seriously at risk as they would be under a non-democratic regime and so I you know that was quite consciously using that term Huntsville Alabama go ahead thank you and good morning mr. Crispin I have I mean mr. Miller I have not read your book fooled again but one of the concerns I had in the last election and it's a big concern is that there was a Democratic governor and several others the governor of Pennsylvania who tried very hard to keep out the military vote the absentee ballots and I wonder if you had anything to say in your program about that because that was not a Republican attempt that was mostly Democrat from what I could see so what information you have in your book on absentee military votes being tried for people trying to eliminate that from our process yeah well first of all I'd like you to go to my blog mark Crispin Miller calm and post a comment giving me the details on that because I had actually never heard that there were Democratic Governors trying to suppress the military vote because if it's true I'll certainly put it in the next edition of the book I do have a lot of information about the military vote in fooled again and what I've discovered is that a considerable number of the troops abroad actually favored carry according to an Annenberg School poll on October 15th just before Election Day found that a third of

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Election Day found that a third of uniform servicemen supported carry and attended to be enlisted men whereas tended to be the officers who supported the administration there in fact were various efforts that I described in the book kind of police the military vote overall there was an effort as I said before to subvert the whole expatriate vote the whole vote the whole the whole vote cast by those who live outside the country which includes the military so I have not seen any evidence of actual efforts to suppress the military what I've heard a lot of Republican charges just went on but if you'll be kind enough to give me the information I'll certainly take it seriously the book is fooled again how the right stole the 2004 election and why they'll steal the next one to its author Mark Crispin Miller thank you very much for being on the program thanks for having me we are going to take a short break and when we come back we'll be taking a look at the cover story in this week's Weekly Standard All in the Family money mobsters murder the sordid tale of a GOP lobbyist casino deal gone bad and its author Matthew continent

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